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DENTON MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS

(Sherman, TX) A 53-year-old Denton, Texas man was sentenced today to 360 months in federal prison, followed by 5 years of supervised release for possession of silencers and explosive devices. **VERNON RANDALL TODD** entered a guilty plea in March of 2005 and today was sentenced for his crime by United States District Judge Richard Clark.

Todd first came to the attention of law enforcement officials after a construction worker was shot in Denton, Texas on January 26, 2005. The subsequent investigation led law enforcement agents to the home of Mr. Todd, where a search of his residence by officers of the Denton Police Department and agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives uncovered numerous firearms, silencers, and a Molotov Cocktail. Todd's plea of guilty was to possession of a silenced firearm while possessing a Molotov Cocktail and is not directly related to the shooting that occurred on January 26, 2005.

The investigation was conducted by the Denton Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Josh Burgess prosecuted the case.

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